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AT THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AUSTRO-SOVIET GAS-PIPE AGREEMENT, DIRECTOR GENERAL BAUER OF THE AUSTRIAN PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION (OEMV) ANNOUNCED THAT A SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH THE SOYUSNEFT-EKSPORT FTO AS A RESULT OF WHICH AUSTRIA WILL OBTAIN ADDITIONAL 300 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF NATURAL GAS ABOVE THE ANNUAL DELIVERY OF 2.25 BILLION CUBIC METERS FIXED IN THE GAS-PIPE AGREEMENT.

AT A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, AUSTRIAN TRADE MINISTER STARIBACHER INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSENTED TO DELIVER ADDITIONAL GAS ALSO IN 1979 SO THAT THE INCREASE
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IN GAS DELIVERIES FROM 2.25 TO 2.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS
WILL ACTUALLY BE IMPLEMENTED TWO YEARS BEFORE THE DATE
FIXED IN THE GAS-PIPE AGREEMENT.

AT THE SAME OCCASSION, MINISTER STARIBACHER ALSO EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT THE URGENTLY NEEDED SOVIET ORDERS FOR THE
AUSTRIAN SHIPYARD IN KORNEUBURG MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE

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